REMARKS

In the Claims:

Claims 3-6, 9-12, 15-18, and 21-28 in this application.

Claims 3, 9, 15, and 21 have been amended. Claims 25-28 have been added.

Support for the amendments and new claims can be found in the original specification,

figures and/or claims. As such no new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103:

Claim 3, which has been rewritten in independent form, was rejected under 35

U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Darby et al., U.S. Patent No. 7,215,698

(Darby) in view of Friedmann et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,822,362 (Friedmann). In response,

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Claim 3, as amended, recites A method comprising:

selecting a frequency hopping code (FHC) from a set of predetermined FHC's for communicating with other

devices in a multi-band ultra-wideband (MB-UWB) network, wherein the FHC defines a sequence of two or more pulses

over two or more frequencies.

Applicant agrees with Examiner that Darby "does not teach procedure of

selecting a frequency hopping code (FHC) for communicating with the other devices..."

(Action Page 2, Paragraph 4). Applicant notes that Friedmann col. 7, lines 45-55 is

cited as teaching, "that a frequency hopping code (FHC) is capably selected from a set

of FHC's which are capably generated by the controller." (Action Page 3, Paragraph 4)

However, Applicant respectfully disagrees. Lines 45-55 of col. 7 of *Friedmann* includes,

"the signal hops between different FH channels in accordance with the system

requirements." (lines 48-49) Applicant respectfully submits that the FH channels

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mentioned are actually different frequencies within a single FH code. This is further evidenced by lines 52-53, which teach that the "carrier signal will hop in accordance with a desired frequency hopping sequence," i.e. a single FH code. Applicant respectfully asserts that the cited portion of *Friedmann* does not teach or suggest selecting a frequency hopping code (FHC) from a set of predetermined FHC's for communicating with other devices in a multi-band ultra-wideband (MB-UWB) network, wherein the FHC defines a sequence of two or more pulses over two or more frequencies.

Applicant further notes that McCorkle, U.S. Patent No. 7,177,341 (McCorkle) is not cited as curing, and does not in fact cure, such deficiencies of Darby and Friedmann as pointed out above in reference to claim 3. Therefore, since the Darby, Friedmann and McCorkle combination of references fails to teach or suggest each element of claim 3, claim 3 is not rendered obvious by the Darby, Friedmann and McCorkle combination. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the §103 rejection of claim 3 be withdrawn.

Applicant notes that independent claims 9, 15 and 21 include the claim elements of claim 3 and are similarly patentable over the *Darby, Friedmann* and *McCorkle* combination of references for reasons presented above in regards to claim 3.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the §103 rejections of claims 9, 15 and 21 be withdrawn.

Applicant notes claims 4-6, 10-12, 16-18, and 22-24 depend from patentable independent claims 3, 9, 15 or 21, and are similarly not rendered obvious by the *Darby*, *Friedmann* and *McCorkle* combination, based at least upon their dependency.

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the §103 rejection of claims 4-6, 10-12, 16-18, and 22-24 be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3-6, 9-12, 15-18, and 21-28 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to call Dave Guglielmi at (503) 712-1610 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

Respectfully submitted.

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